

Acoustic Guitar 101

HJHS Fine Arts - Music Elective

DESCRIPTION: This is a novice level course, designed for **beginning** music students to experience instrumental music through acoustic Guitar.

REQUIREMENTS: Students must provide their own Acoustic Guitar, one back up/extra set of guitar strings, guitar picks, tuner and required text. (5 required items)

***Please do not bring the following to class:** Electric Guitar, Banjo, Mandolin, Orchestral Stringed Instruments, Dulcimer, Steel guitar, etc. ONLY Acoustic Guitar EXCLUSIVELY

TEXTBOOK: Hal Leonard Guitar Method, Second Edition - Complete Edition - Books 1, 2, and 3.

Grading Policy

There are no after school performance requirements for this course. All students will practice in class and perform for an assessment every one to two weeks. We will work through the text and various other resources as the semester progresses.

Daily Participation - 5 points: All students will receive a daily participation credit of up to **5 points per day**. The students can earn full credit by having all needed supplies AND engaging in all musical activities.

Quizzes/Written Assignments - 25 up to 50 points: Periodically throughout the semester, the students will complete written work to learn music theory, ear training, and music history.. These will range in value from **25 to 50 points** per assignment.

Performance Assessments - 100 points: The students will perform individually for Mr. Nix the skills that have been developed throughout the weeks.

Behavior Expectations

Be Respectful = Students will show respect to themselves, others, and their environment. There is to be no food, no gum, and no drinks other than water in the band room. Students will follow all written and verbal instructions from the teacher.

Be Responsible = Students will work during individual practice times and during instructional times as led by the teacher. When in Guitar class, they will only work on their music lesson and not work on lessons for other classes.

Be Resourceful = Students will find ways to work effectively on their skills throughout the semester. This will include choosing to deliberately practice a skill that may need remediation and review.

* These behavior expectations are to be references with the behavior contract provided on the first day of school.

Please contact Mr. Nix if you have any questions or concerns.

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